

Faculty Express Concern Over FBI Activity at Univ.

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University faculty members expressed nearly unanimous displeasure Wednesday over the revelation that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents have been permitted to view the personnel file of a campus administrator.

While most faculty members interviewed agreed that FBI investigation may be inevitable when national security clearances are needed to approve government employment or faculty access to certain research materials, all believed that the present case of Dr. Herbert Shore did not fall within either of these categories.

Shore, who recently resigned as director of performing arts at the Annenberg Center, was under surveillance because of the activities of his son, Norman Shore, 15, who attended summer camp in East Germany. The personnel office's action of providing information on Shore to the Bureau, University officials said, was in accord with present University policy.

Dr. Philip Pochoda, assistant professor of sociology, called the University's policy "outrageous," charging that "providing confidential

information to the FBI is in principle a breach of the relationship between employees and the University." Adding that "the policy has to be changed," Pochoda called the regulation particularly "unconscionable" now, in reference to the increased charges and evidence of extensive FBI citizen surveillance.

Dr. Norman Glickman, assistant professor of city planning, described himself as "shocked and dismayed" at a policy "which is so blase about handing out information about people's lives." Glickman, who suggested half seriously that the telephone interview itself was being bugged, predicted that "left-leaning faculty members" would be most affected by the policy.

Paul Bender, a professor in the Law School, commented that "the FBI didn't do anything illegal by asking for information," although, he added, "You might find it obnoxious." Bender attempted to distinguish between two different types of information - that which the University requires as a condition for enrollment or employment and that gained by an individual through personal observation of others. The first type, Bender suggested, should be used only by the University for official purposes, while it is up to the individual's discretion whether to release the latter.

Bender, in addition to several other

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faculty members, revealed that he has been asked in the past by the FBI to provide personal observations on students and faculty seeking security clearances.

Dr. Alan Kors, assistant professor of history and secretary of the Faculty Senate, suggested a distinction between routine and confidential information, adamantly insisting that any information intended as confidential should be kept as such. "No information," he commented, "ought ever to be released, barring a court order, that an individual has not authorized to be released." Kors added that any individual should be informed who has requested information about him.

Dr. Alfred Rieber, chairman of the history department, said he hoped the University would use "a good deal of discretion" about giving out con-



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fidential information. "It is important," the Russian expert added, "for the University to define what is confidential and what isn't. My definition of confidential is that information should be used only for the purpose for which it was gathered."

Dr. Robert Davies, professor of biochemistry, noted that the FBI is not the only group seeking information on the political activities of University employees. Davies noted that under the terms of the Pennsylvania State Loyalty Act the University is required to make an annual written report to the governor stating that no "subversive" persons are employed. "The act exists for us to get money, and I abhor it," he added.



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UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL RECORDS have in recent months been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI's use of the files -- which contain information on

University faculty members -- was disclosed Tuesday night when a group of documents stolen last month from the FBI's Media office were released.

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